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FDD Abstract of

25X1 1951 SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM OF THE VVW (16 pp; German; March 1951)

25X1A A detailed list and description is given of the engines for the vessels to be built under the 1951 production plan of 10 January 1951. 25X1
 Comment: Certain items of the 1951 production plan of the VVW, as given in Annex 1, differ considerably from a previous report. The planned costs in column 1 and the delivery prices as listed in column 2, both expressed in thousand units of Eastmarks, and the figures on the numbers of vessels to be built have been modified. The new plan forwarded does not include the Yachtwerft in Berlin; on the other hand, data on the shipyards in Gehlsdorf and Uebigau have been added.
 Naval architect Werner Henschke, mentioned in Annex 2, is a former employee of the Construction Section of the German Admiralty, where he was charged with the scientific and statistical evaluation of designing values and propeller data. He is an efficient engineer and about 45-48 years old. Another report confirmed the delivery of engines by the British firm of Petters.

This report consists of copies of 4 documents on shipbuilding, ship engines, and auxiliary equipment in the GDR, as follows:

1) Two-page document, dated 14 March 1951 and prepared in Rostock, which gives the 1951 production plan for 10 shipyards belonging to the VVW (Federation of People-Owned Shipyards). Information given includes the numbers and types of vessels to be constructed by each shipyard, individual planned costs (unit of value: 1,000 Deutsche marks) for each type of vessel, and total planned costs for the entire shipbuilding program at each shipyard.

2) Minutes, 5 pages, dated 13 March 1951, of a meeting of the Technical Directorate of the VVW, held in Rostock on 13 March 1951. Information given includes a discussion of the different types of vessels under construction and scheduled for construction, reparations orders, and types of engines to be installed in the ships at various shipyards under the administration of the VVW.

3) Minutes, 7 pages, dated 15 /sic/ March 1951, of a meeting of the Technical Commission for Shipbuilding, held in Rostock on 16 March 1951. Points discussed include: a) Engines: types (4-cylinder EKM (Federation of People-Owned Enterprises for Construction of Power Plant Machinery and Motors), and 6-cylinder Buckau-Wolf engines) to be ordered and installed in 24-meter cutters for the fishing industry; relative merits of diesel engines versus steam engines for fishing trawlers types of engines suitable for ocean-going ships. b) Construction of ocean-going vessels. c) Shortage of technical designers in the VVB for Ocean-Going Vessels. d) Deck auxiliary engines for ocean-going vessels and inland ships. e) Handling of research and development contracts of the VVW. f) Standard translations of the Soviet naval register-book to be undertaken by the Central Standards Office for Shipbuilding, under the VVB for Ocean-Going Vessels. g) Establishment of a central research center at the University of Rostock to coordinate research activities of the VVW. h) Substitute insulation materials for ships: use of peat, sawdust, etc.

4) Two-page memo, prepared by the DSRK (German Ship Inspection and Classification) in Miersdorf, of a meeting, held on 13 May 1951 in Halle, of the Technical Commission for auxiliary ship-machines. The memo contains a list of auxiliary machines and equipment, with descriptions of the dimensions, capacity, horsepower, etc., of the various types within each category, being constructed /or required?/ for the fishing-boat industry. The categories of equipment listed include diesel generators, air compressors, centrifugal pumps, geared pumps for lubricants and fuel oil, and heating boilers. 25X1C

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